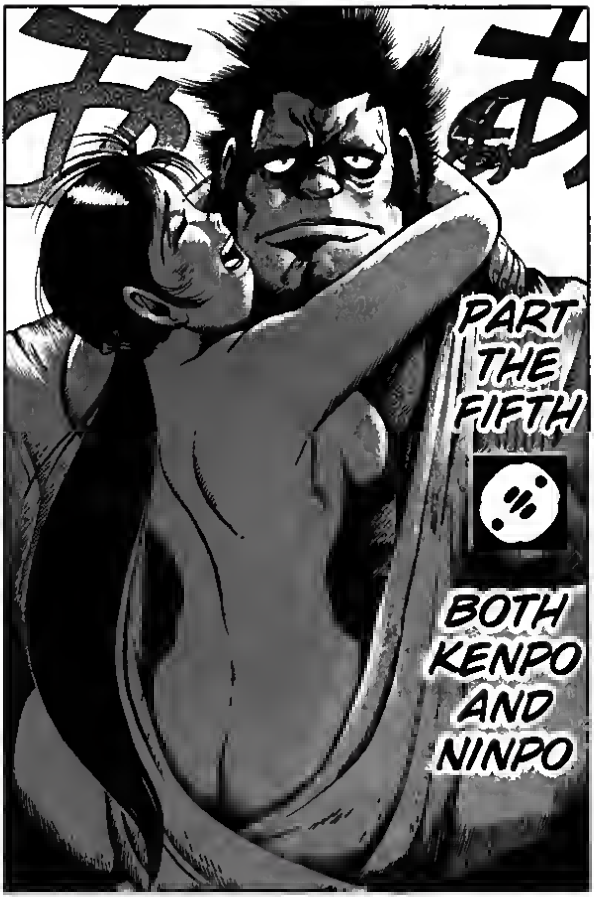
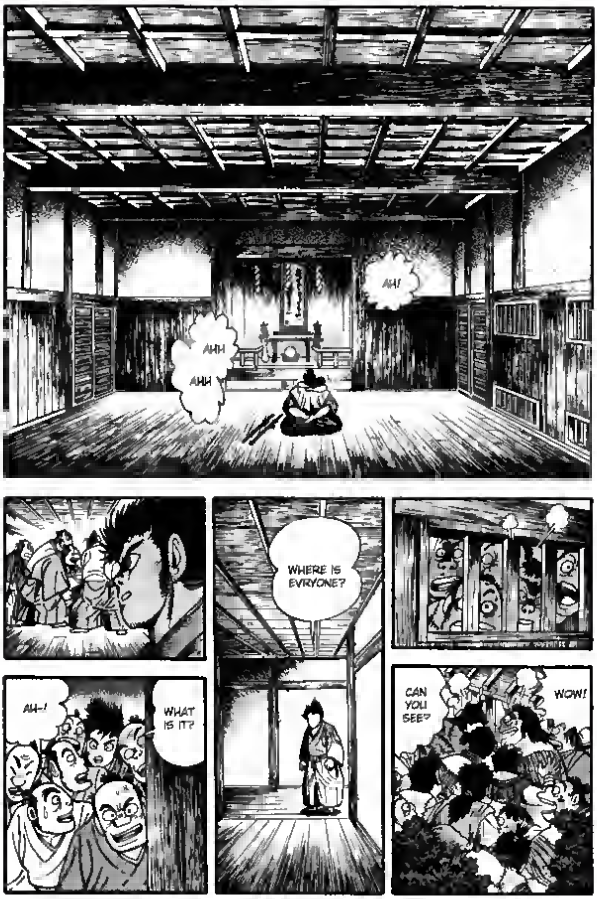

PART
THE
FIFTH
BOTH
KENPO
AND
NINPO

GRAMPS!!!
WHAT HAPPENED? IS THE BATTLE JOINED?!
DON'T LOOK, KIDS!
AH!
SOMEONE AMAZING'S ENTERED THE VILLAGE!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
I BEG OF YOU!

I AM CALLED NAGAOKA YOGORO OKIAKI, SECOND SON OF HOSOKAWA TADAOKI, OF 400,000 KOKU IN BUZEN KOKURA!
IN ORDER TO PERFECT THE WAY OF THE SWORD, I AM PURSUING TRAINING IN VARIOUS PROVINCES!
AH!
HAVING HEARD THE FAME OF YAGYU, I HAVE COME TO THIS LAND.
I HUMBLY REQUEST A DUEL WITH THIS HOUSE'S MASTER: YAGYU JUBEI!
あぁん
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
OO OO HH!

FIND OUR LORD AT ONCE!
WHAT, YOU!?
WHAT!?
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?
WHAT HAPP-ENED?
IT'S AWFUL!
MY LORD!
LORD JUBEI!
MY LORD!
THIS WORLD'S WARRIORS ARE CERTAINLY A LIVELY LOT...
RIGHT YOU ARE!
LET'S GO SEE
WHAT COULD IT BE?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, UNCLE?
MUCH IMPROVED


AH!
AHH
AHH
WHERE IS EVRYONE?
AH-!
WHAT IS IT?
CAN YOU SEE?
WOW!

ぬっ
ぬっ
AHH!
WHAT THE!?
カバッ

AH
AHH
AH!
I AM THE HEAD OF THE YAGYU CLAN, YAGYU JUBEI.
I ALREADY HEARD!
AH
I AM OF THE HOSO-KAWA-

I AM WELL AWARE THAT TO APPEAR THUS BEFORE SIR YAGYU THE PEERLESS SWORDMASTER,
IS AN EXCEEDINGLY DISCOURTEOUS ACT!
YOU'RE CALLED NAGAOKA YOGORO RIGHT?
WHAT'S WITH YOUR UNUSUAL APPEARANCE?
THEY CALL ME RAMABUTSU, THE SWORD-DEVIL!
THIS, HOWEVER, IS MY SWORDSMANSHIP
RAMA-BUTSU!
THE MONSTERS OF THE OTHER EDO PERIOD!?
AND WHO CALLS YOU THAT?

!?
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
NO SAMURAI OF OUR WORLD WOULD BE UNASHAMED TO APPEAR THUS
AH!
URK!
GOING BY YOUR LOOK OF SURPRISE, I'D SAY THAT'S A BULLSEYE
SIR JUBEI. YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE NOT EVEN HUMAN!
IN OUR EDO PERIOD, IF YOU ARE NOT A SHINOBI,
AH!!
IF I DO NOT DEFEAT YAGYU JUBEI THE HOSOKAWA CLAN WILL BE NO MORE!
WE MUST USE EVERY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO WIN THROUGH!
AH!
AH!
SAMURAI OR NO, YOUR LINE IS DONE!
IF YOU ARE NOT VICTORIOUS,
MORON.

DIE, JUBEI!

THOUGH YOU MIGHT SLAY A MAN, YAGYU JUBEI, YOU CAN'T KILL A WOMAN.
HAH
SO THIS IS THE SWORD WORK OF RAMA-BUTSU!

LOOK!
AH!
THIS WOMAN IS ENTIRELY INNO-CENT!
ANY WOMAN CAUGHT IN MY RAMABUTSU NINPO IS MINE TO CONTROL.
CAN YOU CUT ME DOWN, JUBEI, AND THIS WOMAN ALONG WITH ME?
STAY OUT OF THIS!
ALL OF YOU!!
LORD JUBEI!

IS ME!
THE ONLY YAGYU WHO NEED DIRTY HIS SWORD
STAY OUT OF IT!
ON SUCH A COWARDLY, VULGAR FOE!
DO NOT SULLY YOUR PROUD BLADES
BUT HE'S GETTING SERIOUS! FIGHT OFF IN A FIGHT LIKE THAT!
LORD JUBEI WON'T FIGHT PROPER SWORD MASTERS...

COME AND GET IT, RAMA-BUTSU!
IT'LL MAKE A GOOD STORY TO TELL IN THE UNDERWORLD... I'LL TAKE YOU ON!

ANYONE THERE!?
THEY'VE BEEN GONE A WHILE.
I WONDER WHERE THEY WENT?
GOOD GRIEF

OHHH!
DO NOT KILL THIS MAN!

DO NOT KILL HIM...
HE IS THE ONE MAN IN THIS TIME CAPABLE OF PERFECTING SHADOW NOH...
AAAH!
NUOH !!

WHAAT!?
BUT THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED WITH A BODY LIKE YOURS!
YOU'RE SLOW, RAMA-BUTSU!
WAH!
JUBEI! HAVING SO MANY SPECTATORS MAKES THIS BATTLE WORTH IT!
WOOAH!
OH!
BUT IT'S AN ODDLY EXCITING BOUT!
I FEEL EMBARR-ASSED JUST SEEING IT!
WHAT A CRAZY BATTLE!

DON'T TELL ME YOUR REAL GOAL...
HEH HAH HAH...
EVERYONE IN YAGYU MANOR MUST BE HERE IN THE DOJO
HUH!?
that time
BY THE TIME YOU REALIZED, JUBEI, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE

* TRAILOKYAVIJAYA IN THE EAST... KUNDALI IN THE SOUTH .. VAJRABHAIRAVA IN THE WEST... VAJRAYAKSA IN THE NORTH..

IF I DO NOT DANCE, MY ERA WILL VANISH!
THIS TOO IS FATE!
BE STILL, CHIKU-AMI!
YOU'LL DIE IF YOU DANCE IN YOUR CONDI-TION!
UNCLE, STOP IT!
WHAT IS THAT!?
AHHH!
!?

SOME-
THING'S
COMING
OUT OF IT!

第壱巻　了、第弐巻『柳生十兵衛死す　武蔵と小次郎』に続く